

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE:

MUR 4953

Representative Dennis Hastert

Dear Mr. Ginsberg:

On December 15, 1999, the Federal Election Commission notified your client, Representative Dennis Hastert, of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

On June 10, 2003, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, and information provided by your client, that there is no reason to believe that Representative Hastert violated any provision of the Act or Commission regulations. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter as it pertains to your client.

The Commission reminds you that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect, and that this matter is still open with respect to other respondents. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed, at which time you will be sent a copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report.

If you have any questions, please contact Marianne Abely, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton General Counsel

By:

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